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ORI to kick off next week

What to know

The Operational Readiness Inspection will kick off next week and will run through May 23. A base-wide ORI celebration will be held May 25 at the Warrior Air Base grounds on March Banks Road to reward the base for its efforts.

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After months of preparation, base officials said they're confident Robins is ready to meet the challenge of the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

During the inspection, a 110-member Air Force

Materiel Command inspector general team and augmentees from other AFMC bases will observe and evaluate Robins' capabilities and war-time readiness.

"Our people know their jobs," Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said. "We've exercised extensively and prepared our people

and equipment for the challenges that may come our way in this inspection. We'll do a great job - because our people do - each and every day."

Col. Bruce Curry, 78th ABW vice commander, who is charged with ORI readiness, said Robins will show its capabilities for war and contingency operations during the inspection.

"Inspectors will be looking at all facets of our base operations," he said. "Given that we're still in the war on terrorism, we already have quite a bit of experience in this area."

From preparing troops for short-notice deployments to training for survival in a combat zone, Col. Silvia Anderson,

78th Mission Support Group commander and deployment commander for the ORI, said troops are geared up to tackle their war-fighting mission.

"We've participated in wing operational readiness exercises and other in-house training since October to

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Fly, fight and win



Airman 1st Class Craig Webb, foreground, attaches duct tape to simulate M-9 to his bunker as Airman 1st Class Scott Duncan stands guard during an exercise May 4. Below, Senior Airman David Lammers puts on his gas mask during a simulated chemical enemy attack.

U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Black Knights exercise readiness

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The 19th Air Refueling Group, along with the 116th Maintenance Squadron, participated in an Operational Readiness Exercise April 26 through May 6 at the group's Alert Facility to prepare for the Air Mobility Command Operational Readiness Inspection in early August.

According to Lt. Col. Ed Sienkiewicz, chief of the 19th ARG Inspections Office and Exercise Evaluation Team chief, it gave everyone a chance to practice their wartime skills.

"Overall, it was a good learning experience for the new people and a good refresher for others," he said. "We had some rough edges in the beginning, but after we took a step back and approached things differently, it all came together."

The two-week, 12-hour a day exercise - which featuring simulated war-related scenarios such as deployments and protection of equipment and troops - was the third major operational readiness exercise and the first expeditionary operational exercise the group has held in recent months.

Twenty-eight units Air Mobility Command-wide simultaneously participated.

Maj. Pamela Freeland, chief of 19th Air Refueling Group Safety, and assistant director of operations in the exercise, said the ORE offered the group the opportunity to hone its skills.

"We're trying to expose as many people as possible to how we're to combat enemies," she said. "This was our last chance to

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Sherrard returns to Robins to relinquish Reserve command, retire

Air Force Reserve Command
News Service

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III returned here Tuesday to say goodbye to friends and associates, relinquish command of Air Force Reserve Command and conclude a military career that spanned

nearly four decades.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper presided at a ceremony in the Joint STARS multi-purpose hangar attended by about 1,000 people. General Sherrard's retirement will take effect June 1.

Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley has been nominated by the president to

the Senate for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command. If General Bradley is not confirmed by June 1, Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, will continue to lead the command until General

Bradley is confirmed.

"As I close out my career with our United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command, I wish to thank every member of the Air Force Reserve for their unselfish and dedicated service to our command and this nation," said General Sherrard. "I am so hon-

ored to have been privileged to serve with so many talented members, both present and past, who are true heroes by every measure of merit."

Although the headquarters for AFRC is at Robins, the general worked in the Pentagon where as

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Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III



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"The people of the Air Force are riding on the backs of the men and women of AFMC."

Gen. Gregory S. Martin
AFMC commander

Gen. Martin talks reorg, Lean, war

Gen. Greg "Speedy" Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, visited Robins Air Force Base May 6 to speak at the Middle Georgia International Lean Symposium held in the Museum of Aviation. He spoke with the Rev-Up about AFMC's ongoing reorganization, Lean and the Center's role in the Global War on Terrorism.

Q. What is left to be done with the command's reorganization?

A. We're just now getting ready to start the first major changes in some of our offices at the Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command. That will happen (around) May 30. At the Headquarters AFMC level, we're getting ready to establish an XR organization that will be

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DuBois discusses multi-service, multi-mission

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Mr. Raymond DuBois, deputy under secretary of defense for installations and environment, addressed Robins' senior staff and members of the local chamber of commerce and military affairs committee during a luncheon at the Museum of Aviation Monday.

Addressing a number of issues ranging from the upcoming base realignment and closure round to the recent headlines concerning Iraqi prisoner abuse, Mr. DuBois said a base is not just what's inside the fence line - a base (involves) the community in which it resides.

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responsible for capability planning and technology insertion. And, we’re getting ready to create a directorate of transformation that will be responsible for continually reviewing our processes and looking for ways we can improve our responsiveness to the war fighter at the headquarters and command level. That will happen at the end of this month.

We’re also looking at the center staff and work force structure – whether it’s a product center, logistics center or a test center. We’re trying to organize our people into what I call work units, or resource earning units that look similar to - and have similar names as – the work force we have in the rest of the Air Force.

Our command ... has

always been just a bit differently organized and our names have been different. As a result, we’re sometimes not as (familiar) to our customers, and it’s hard for them to figure out who to talk to.

So, we’re looking at structuring our work force in such a way that they’ll be more reflective of Air Force organizations. Then, we’re looking at the centers’ staffs to make sure they’re sized right to focus on the right policy and guidance issues that will help that work force do a better job. Those changes will start occurring in the July to September time frame.

We’ve set up a process by which we will review what went right and what didn’t go so well in six months, 12 months and then in 18 months. So, we don’t tell everybody from day one that this is it and there will never be another change. We say this is what we want to do

and when we review it, if it turns out that we broke something or we created some seams, we’ll then be able to go back and (address) those in a planned way.

Q. How will our customer support functions change in light of the reorganization?

A. We’re working very hard at looking at all the processes we use to accomplish our tasks, and we’re finding out that more often than not we create a lot of extra steps for our people to go through as they try and do their jobs. We’ve just had the Georgia International Lean Symposium here, and part of the whole Lean process is to see what it really takes to get the job done on time, on cost, and correctly, and see if we can get rid of those extra steps and distractions.

In the process of doing that, we have an opportunity to be able to deliver our prod-

ucts to the war fighter cheaper and to deliver them on time. That’s really the objective of this whole thing. To make sure we’re actually what I call “the valued team member” of the world’s most respected air and space force.

Q. Lean is rapidly transforming the way we operate in this center. How has the rest of the command embraced this concept?

A. We recently had the Air Force board visit – that’s a group of two star officers responsible for putting together the entire Air Force budgeting program. They visited five of our bases, and when they came back, they said the improvements they saw in Lean were extraordinary.

The culture was changing, people were enthusiastic and they had “gotten the word” and seen it almost as a religious passion. That was how they described it, and that was very encouraging because that

came from their talking to the work force. If you’ve got the work force telling you they’re happy about doing something different and better and it’s producing things faster, quicker, and on cost, then you’ve really got it going right.

Q. Each night, news footage from Iraq shows our fighting men and women using the weapon systems that Robins maintains. For example, the operations in Fallujah mentioned the critical role AC-130 gunships were playing in repelling insurgents. The gunship is one of many weapon systems that this ALC supports. What does that say to you about the role we play in meeting the nation’s challenges?

A. Well, that’s a great question. Most of the conversations that I have or most of the presentations that I give, I tend to say it this way. Since

1991 we’ve had five wars in 13 years where air and space power has been the decisive element that has enabled all other branches of our armed forces. Their job is made better and easier by virtue of the fact that we have dominant air and space power. All of that air and space power has come from the men and women in AFMC; from our research laboratories to the support we provide in the acquisition of new weapon systems, to the sustainment of those weapon systems. The people of the Air Force are riding on the backs of the men and women of AFMC. I want the men and women of AFMC to feel better about what they do because they’re getting appreciation and thanks from that team that is doing such great work around the world with these dominant systems.

See this interview on streaming video at www.robins.af.mil/pa/.

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practice readiness, response to recalls, and ability to prepare personnel to ensure our mobility training is complete,” she said.

While deployment procedures may sometimes seem routine to Robins troops, Lt. Col. Kevin Foley, director of staff for the 78th ABW who assists in the base’s ORI preparation, said the timeline is different during an ORI.

“Normally, we have days or

weeks to prepare for deployments,” he said. “But the ORI will stress our system by pushing it to respond as quickly as it possibly can.”

Civil service and contract employees must also know how to respond to potentially life-threatening situations and possible surge workloads.

“There are all sorts of things that could happen around the base (during the inspection),” Colonel Curry said. “If we had a suspicious package in an area, that area might be cordoned off, and we may have to call in our Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team to investigate. Anything could

happen, so everyone should be aware and report anything out of the ordinary to the authorities.”

Robins will receive results of the ORI May 25 and will participate in a base-wide ORI celebration at the Warrior Air Base grounds on March Banks Road.

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He said that like any other American family, military families who work, and in some cases live, on Robins want good schools, good health care, safe and secure neighborhoods, good housing, spousal employment and reasonable commuting distances.

“Those communities who have paid attention to those types of quality of life issues are the ones I love to visit.”

Mr. Dubois said he and his traveling companions who included Mr. Nelson Gibbs, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, and Mr. Hansford Johnson, assistant secretary of the Navy for installations and environment, brought together the Navy, the Air Force and the Department of Defense to promote “jointness.”

“We fight jointly, and we train jointly,” said Mr. Dubois. “Whereas 25 years ago most installations were single-service, single-mission, we are and must swiftly move toward multi-ser-

vice and multi-mission installations. The fact that we’re here together is not just an expression, but a demonstration of our commitment to ‘jointness.’”

Another reason for the visit was to see how the multi-service, multi-mission culture looks here.

Mr. Dubois’ scheduled topic of discussion was the Global War on Terrorism and the Status of Military Readiness.

“The combat power of our country is metaphorically called the point of the spear, but the military installations and the support facilities and activities are the shaft behind that point and must be strong and balanced to guide the spear to its target,” he said.

In the 21st century that shaft is made up of many defense installations and other activities at home and abroad.

“It’s a complex system,” he said. “It obviously requires the right people with the right skill sets, the right weapon systems, the right platforms and the right support systems working together efficiently and effectively. This complex system of military bases now

more than ever must be properly aligned with our force structure to enable us to detect, deter, defend and, when necessary; to defeat our foes.”

“Today’s threats are no longer defined by a country’s boundaries or a specific region,” he said. “Technology has improved and that improvement gives us certain flexibility we never had before when it comes to basing.”

He said the Department of Defense has found that we are supporting infrastructure that is no longer needed at a cost to the American taxpayer.

“The Joint Chiefs of Staff have made it very clear that you can’t transform the military unless you transform the power projection platform, called installations, upon which they are based,” he said.

As far as who will stay and who will go, Mr. DuBois said it is too soon to know.

“Every single installation will be treated equally and fairly and will be analyzed by those who understand the type of function, facility and activity on that base,” he said.

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practice our concept of operations until August.”

Exercise participants like Maj. John Chapman, director of operations for the 19th Operations Support Squadron, said the exercise

built a level of confidence in the group’s aircrews and maintainers that prepares them for whatever may come.

“We worked with maintainers and other support crews to achieve the objectives that were before us,” he added. “It took a real team effort. We had a lot of first-timers in chemical gear. The learning curve was steep, but with good attitudes, we’re on the right path.”

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chief of Air Force Reserve he served on the Air Staff since September 1998.

General Sherrard began his Air Force career in July 1965, attending flight training at Moody AFB, Ga., some 140 miles south of Robins. After a tour of active duty, he transferred to the Air Force Reserve in October 1971 at Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla., serving as an instructor pilot and C-130A/B and AC-130A flight examiner and squadron operations officer.

During his career, he commanded a flying group, two flying wings and two numbered air forces.

He spent more than five years at Robins. From October 1984 to August 1986 he was deputy chief of staff for plans,

programs and manpower in the Reserve headquarters. He served as vice commander of the Air Force Reserve from July 1993 to October 1994 and from January 1995 to January 1998.

In April 1998, the president nominated him to become chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC. The general was confirmed by the Senate in September of that year.

General Sherrard called the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, his most demanding and challenging time as AFRC commander. However, at the same time he said the Reserve’s response to the attacks and the subsequent actions supporting Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom were the command’s most significant achievements during his tenure.

“The level of demands on

our Reserve personnel were unprecedented, and they responded in spectacular fashion,” General Sherrard said. “Seeing so many Air Force reservists step forward immediately after the terrorist attacks, without being asked, was so very inspiring but not unexpected.

“Their response was amazing,” he said. “They did not wait for their organizations to call for their help. They reported for duty, ready to respond as needed.”

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General Bradley is the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters in the Pentagon.

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78th MSG prepares for ORI with retreat ceremony

A mass formation of about 130 Airmen from the 78th Mission Support Group proudly marched forward to pay tribute to the flag, end the duty day and signal their readiness for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in a retreat ceremony May 7.

Led by Col. Silvia Anderson, 78th MSG commander, the retreat ceremony, a show of pride, tradition and respect, was held in front of Building 215.

During a pre-ceremony pep talk, the commander spoke to her troops about being ready as they made final preparations to take part in the ORI.

Each of the units assigned to 78th MSG were represented in the ceremony, including the security forces, communications, mission support and logistics readiness squadrons, as well as a combined flight from Services and contracting.

— Ms. Lanorris Askew



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Above, Tech. Sgt. Derek Royster retires the flag at the retreat ceremony May 7. At right, Col. Silvia Anderson, 78th MSG commander, stands at attention.



Left, the flag is lowered during the retreat ceremony. Above, Tech. Sgt. Billie Crockett salutes as the flag is lowered. Right, the honor guard folds the flag.



Robins Elementary School students love America



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Robins Elementary School students along with the Reserve Generation Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve presented the 10th annual 'We Love America' program May 7 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater. The patriotic program recognizes and honors all branches of the military and its members.

Above left, the pre-kindergarten class sings 'I Love My Country.'

Right, kindergartner De'Ante Wooten sings 'The Heart of America.'



Top right, third graders sing 'I'm a Believer' by 1960s group The Monkees.

Above, students donned stars to represent the states of the union as they sing 'The Lights of Freedom.'

Academy bound

Two students with ties to Robins realize life-long dream

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While many high school seniors are still wondering what they want to be when they grow up, Donovan Eason and Kurtis Kendrick know exactly what they want to be - Airmen. And with appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., they’re on the road to success.

Donavan, a senior at Wilcox County High school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Eason, found out about out his appointment March 27.

He had just returned from a region rifle competition and had done well, so his day was already going well. When he opened the letter awaiting him, it got a lot better.

“I was standing beside the couch, and I fell over the side, hit a table and knocked a glass candle over that busted all over the floor,” he said. “I was so happy that I didn’t even care about the candle. I said, ‘I’ll clean it up later’.”

Being involved with the military all his life as the son of an ex-Marine and current Air Force contractor, Donovan said he’s always been interested in the Air Force.

Reinforcing his love of the Air Force with words of encouragement, Donovan’s father is beaming.

“I’m extremely proud,” said Mr. Eason. “I feel like the Air Force is the best way to go for a child his age. How else can you afford an education like he’s about to get? I consider it equivalent to a Harvard education.”

Right now Donovan is preparing himself mentally and physically for the challenges to come.

“The Academy is going to put pressures and priorities on me that I’ve never had to cope with before,” he said. “It’s something that you can’t simply walk up to and say,



Donavan Eason



Kurtis Kendrick

What to know

Both Donovan and Kurtis are the sons of members of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron and were the only students in their counties to be chosen for the Air Force Academy. Only 1,300 applicants nation wide are given the opportunity.

‘I’ll take it on, no problem.’ They’re going to push you to the limit, and I’m going to push myself to the limit before I get there so I know I can do it.”

Donavan’s father is a Chiller Plant Operator in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron. Donovan will graduate with honors from Wilcox County High School in May. He hasn’t yet decided what he wants to do as far as a career field, but will enjoy exploring everything offered.

Kurtis, an 18-year-old senior at Belfry High School in Huddy, Ky., is the son of Ms. Debbie Kendrick and Senior Master Sgt. Mitchell Kendrick, who is stationed here.

Kurtis said he found out about his appointment March 17 in a telephone message from U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers’ office.

“Being appointed to the Air Force Academy has been a life-long dream and goal of mine,” he said.

When he arrived home from school that day and heard the message, he realized all the hard work had paid off.

“A great deal of pride filled me,” he said. “I was so excited and amazed that I actually accomplished my dream. After a couple of days, the feeling sunk in, and I began to realize what an honor I had been granted.”

Growing up in a military household, he said ever since he was a little boy he was amazed by flying.

“Going to the Academy will give me a greater opportunity to follow my dream of becoming an officer and flying fighter jets.”

The only appointee is his area, Kurtis plans to one day attend fighter pilot school.

Kurtis’ father is superintendent of infrastructure in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron.

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Armed Forces Day 2004: A tradition of heroes



Gen. Gregory S. Martin
Air Force Materiel Command commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Armed Forces Day is a day to salute the men and women in all branches of America's armed services for their long tradition of heroic service.

As we tirelessly pursue vic-

tory in the Global War on Terrorism, we witness daily how - on a moment's notice - we in Air Force Materiel Command can be called upon to perform a critical mission to support our warfighters. And do not forget that many of our people are deployed in harm's way, side-by-side with their warfighting MAJCOM brothers and sisters.

Many of our command's heroes are unsung. Armed Forces Day is not just a day to honor those who fight bravely in faraway lands; it's also a day for us to honor the countless contributions of military, Air Force civilian and contracted employees who operate far from the battlefields.

From scientists and engineers to planners and logistics

experts and all other Air Force specialties, this command's heroes deliver war-winning capabilities on time, on cost - developing new technologies, fielding new weapon systems and munitions, and maintaining and preserving a complex variety of aircraft and other assets vital to America's warfighters prevailing on the battlefield and in the skies above.

The tradition developed by the people in this command is one of innovation, vision and pride. We bring technology beyond anyone's imagination to the warfighter and will continue to do so for decades to come.

On this year's Armed Forces Day, Saturday, I salute the many heroes of AFMC, as well as their comrades-in-arms throughout the world.

Chief explains the importance of pride and respect



Chief Master Sgt. Sam Mitchell

By Chief Master Sgt. Sam Mitchell
78th Air Base Wing superintendent

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor eloquently told a very meaningful story relating to pride in ownership of our work centers and bases in a recent speech at Robins.

One day, as the chief was laboriously tending to yard work at his home, he noticed his neighbor was doing the same. Physically exhausted and hot from the scorching sun, he approached his neighbor, wiped the sweat from his brow, and rhetorically asked "Why do we do this?" The neighbor simply replied in a thought-provoking manner, "Because our names

are on the mailbox."

Chief Gaylor said the same reasoning equally applies to those of us serving our country. Whether you're active duty, reserve forces, civil servant or contractor, your name is on the mailbox.

Your name is on the product you provide our taxpayers, as well as the appearance of your work area and the base.

A few weeks ago, one of my fellow chiefs called to tell me that two of the ceremonial flags that line Robins Parkway had been blown from their poles. As the flags lay on the edge of the street, several cars swerved to miss them, but nobody bothered to stop.

Seeing this, the chief stopped, secured the flags, and notified base civil engineer-

ing to have them replaced.

Appalled, after suppressing my initial anger over the apparent lack of patriotism and respect for our flag, I thought of Chief Gaylor's comments.

I reflected on how these passers-by seemed not to care that their names are on the mailbox to our base. I wondered how these same people would have reacted if the fallen flags were at their homes, rather than on the base.

I like to think that they would have shown greater pride in their property and a deeper respect for the colors of our nation. Surely, they would have acted differently.

My point is that each of us has an inherent duty and responsibility to the

American people to maintain and safeguard the resources of our nation. This responsibility is no less significant in our work areas and around the base than in the quality of our day-to-day work.

The appearance of our work areas and base is a direct reflection of our commitment to the Air Force and the American people. Yet, we always seem to rationalize that "it's somebody else's job."

Well, it's your job! So, give Chief Gaylor's comments some thought the next time you notice a piece of trash blowing through the parking lot, a slow leaking sink in the restroom at work or a flag that has fallen onto the street. It's your base and your name is on the mailbox.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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We need a break room for eating

Can we designate at least part of the Base Restaurant for those who bring lunches? That way we would have somewhere to eat besides at our desks. I know that the IT folks would appreciate not having to deal with the crumbs in our keyboards all the time. There is a sign by the door that states no food can be carried into the restaurant.

Ergo, we are stuck eating at our desks, instead of accompanying our coworkers who buy their food from the cafeteria. Other than the Base Restaurant, there is no place for us to go to get away from it all for lunch.

I need not cite medical and psychological studies that state a mid-day break is mandatory for work force well-being, but they would certainly help the argument.

Commander replies: Thank you for your suggestion and concern for the well being of the Team Robins work force. The Base Restaurant is a self-sustaining nonappropriated fund business activity. The income derived from the sale of food and beverage products is vital to the financial viability of the base restaurant, in turn allows management to cover overhead expenses, purchase capital improvements, and pay the wages of their employees. For these reasons it would not be prudent for the base restaurant to allow personnel to use the facility as a break area. We welcome any Robins worker as a customer for breakfast or lunch.

Although there is no regulatory requirement to provide break rooms within base administrative areas, management does recognize as both a morale booster and quality of life enhancement it

would be a good idea to provide employees a place to enjoy their breaks/lunch periods free from distractions and interruptions.

However, due to the shortage of workspace within your facility, there are no current plans to construct break areas in Building 300. There are long-range plans, dependent upon funding availability, which would provide additional workspace capacity within buildings 300 and 301. Should those plans be realized, options would be available to construct an employee break area. As an alternative to eating at your desk when the weather permits there are benches and picnic areas available outside the building.

Bees, water problems at Luna Lodge

Every year about this time (for the past three anyway), the front deck outside Luna Lodge is swarmed by wood-boring bees. The situation is worse this year and the damage to the wood is progressing. Someone may also get stung. The Nature Center folks said it was a natural thing and no sprays could be used to hurt the environment. This does not seem right for folks using the Lodge to have to duck and take chances around bees. Last year there was even a wasp nest outside the front entrance, but Nature Center folks said it was natural and let it go. Other problems at the Luna Lodge area: the drinking fountain in the park area isn't working, and the Tree Frog Trail behind the lodge is under water half of the time and unusable for exercise or family nature walks.

Commander replies: Thank you for your concerns regarding the bees at Luna Lodge, the water fountain at the park and sitting water on the trail. Starting with the bees, the carpenter bees that

you refer to are not known to be aggressive as other species (i.e., bumblebees, honeybees, yellow jackets, or wasps). We contacted Environmental Management and they are willing to remove the bees from the deck area of the lodge; however, at this time, there is no sign of bees living in the structure. In the meantime, we'll continue to monitor that situation.

The half-mile long Tree Frog Trail was constructed in 1997 around one of the few accessible base wetland areas. The location of this trail was selected to serve as an outdoor classroom and recreational resource specifically for people visiting the Lodge, Family Campground, or Spalding Nature Center. The signs along the trail provide information about the ecology and value of wetlands, as well as the animals and plants that are found in that natural community. The selection of that location was also based on a desire to place a trail in an area where it would not be in the way of future development needs, thus the trail stays fairly close to the boundary of the wetland. Wetlands may swell beyond their normal boundaries, especially during cooler months of the year when evaporation rates are low. Significant rain events during cool weather, as we experienced on March 30, can cause short-term wetland expansion. The water level will drop soon and remain fairly low when spring and summer hot temperatures arrive. Please visit the Wiregrass Trail when the Tree Frog Trail is wet, as it is another nature-oriented trail. It is located in an upland forest along Perimeter Road southeast of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

Finally, although an inconvenience at the time of your visit, we're glad to say the drinking fountain has been repaired and you'll be able to quench your thirst on your next visit.

Remember to slow down



How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

May: 1 May 2003: 8 Year to date: 27* 2003: 63 As of Tuesday Number of days since last DUI: 5

*one of this year's DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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Special delivery delays test mission

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EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN) – While officials here were preparing to initiate a weapon test mission recently, Jennifer Cheshire and her father, Larry Owens, were on a mission of their own.

Mrs. Cheshire, 24, who lives nearby, was in labor and bound for a local medical center.

“I told my dad to drive as fast as he could,” said Mrs. Cheshire. “Then we saw that the road was blocked.”

It was 9:18 a.m. and the less than two minutes before the test was to begin and the test weapon, a small diameter bomb, was to be launched.

Mr. Owens flagged down several security people and told them his daughter was in labor.

“They asked how far apart the contractions were and radioed that they had a lady in labor,” Mrs. Cheshire said.

“We were about 30 seconds from the release point when safety [officials] made the call to terminate,” said Scott Armistead, a 46th Operations Group test engineer.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Tammie D. Erazo
DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. – Jennifer Cheshire stands with her son, Joshua Malachi. He was affectionately nicknamed "bomber," after his mother's labor caused a test mission delay at nearby Eglin Air Force Base.

The test mission controller immediately called a “skip it, skip it, skip it” command and the test was delayed.

Mr. Armistead explained that at 20 seconds before a launch, they activate the weapon’s batteries, and then

they are at the “no return point.”

“Of the hundreds of personnel involved in the test, none could recall ever stopping a test for pregnancy,” said Col. James McClendon, Direct Attack Joint Systems Program Office director.

Once the launch had been delayed, security forces escorted Mrs. Cheshire and her father through the range in about 15 minutes.

By 9:30 a.m., an F-15E Strike Eagle carrying the test weapon had been circling the range for almost an hour and had 15 to 20 minutes of fuel, leaving just enough time for the test.

The test bomb was dropped about 45 minutes after the roads were initially closed, and the mission was completed, as was Mrs. Cheshire’s.

She gave birth to 8-pound, 10-ounce Joshua Malachi, nicknamed “Bomber,” a few hours later at the medical center.

Afterward, Bill Wise, senior acquisition engineer with the Small Diameter Bomb Program office, gave Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire a small diameter bomb patch which they plan to put in Joshua’s baby book.

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Airmen encouraged to register to vote

By **Ms. Holly J. Logan**
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Although more than half the active duty servicemembers at Robins have been counseled on registering to vote, only one in five have done so.

To help get people involved, 65 unit voter assistance counselors are available base-wide to assist active duty military members with voter registration - a responsibility that every servicemember should take seriously, said Maj. Jerame Cohen, Robins installation voting assistance officer for the Logistics Readiness Flight in Building 127, Room 104A.

“Unit voter assistance counselors are there to make sure the people in their units are aware of elections and help them obtain voter registration materials they need,” he said. “As military members, we’re here to protect our way of life. It should be a person’s duty and honor to vote.”

An estimated 6,793 active duty military at Robins are currently eligible to vote, 3,515 have been counseled on voter registration.

Prospective voters must decide the state and county in which they wish to vote in advance and submit completed voter registration materials 30 days prior to the general election.

What to know

An estimated 1,317 active duty servicemembers at Robins are registered to vote. Those eligible to vote, but have not registered must do so at least 30 days prior to a general election. Servicemembers can register to vote through their unit voting assistance counselors. For more information, contact Maj. Jerame Cohen, Robins installation voting assistance officer, at 327-8683. For more information online, go to www.fvap.gov/

Servicemembers wishing to vote through absentee ballot can visit www.svap.gov to obtain proper voting forms.

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Newsletter keeps civilians current

Air Force Personnel Center
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Less than 10 percent of Air Force civilians are taking advantage of a way to get information about their benefits.

By subscribing online to the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team newsletter, Air Force appropriated-fund civilian employees can learn about current benefits information, legislative changes and system updates.

To subscribe, go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm.

Employees can receive the newsletter at any valid e-mail address; it doesn’t have to be a government e-mail address.

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Air Force One Source online and ready to serve

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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The newest member of the Robins Family Support Center staff is bilingual; answers hundreds of questions simultaneously; and can provide definitive answers to questions about parenting, living wills, health issues, even how to bring a pet into the family.

It's a free resource requiring no appointment because it's virtual - a Web site devoted to family information. It's called Air Force One Source, just like its Web site www.airforceonesource.com

A link to the site is available on the family support home page at www.robins.af.mil/fsc/.

The Department of Defense-funded site, which has sites for all branches of service, is an expansion of Family Support Center programs, according to Ms. Christine Parker, director of the Robins Family Support Center.

Its information is also available by phone, within the U.S. by calling (800) 707-5784.

In a letter announcing its introduction, 78th Air Base Wing Commander

Col. Tom Smoot described the program as "an innovative benefit designed to give our Airmen and their families assistance with issues of everyday life."

The site and 800 number offer practical solutions, information, advice and support and is available all day every day.

"Air Force One Source," Colonel Smoot said, "helps Airmen and their families get the information they need, when they need it, without time-consuming research. Knowledgeable consultants and web resources are available around-the-clock to help with any problem or challenge an Airman is facing."

When logging on the first time, the user ID is "airforce" and generic password "ready."

That information allows users to set up their own profiles and passwords.

Users are prompted to input demographic information, then to choose either from the "My Air Force One Source" or go to the general site.

Choosing the "My" option gives users a chance to create a profile, select and use their own user IDs and passwords.

After users establish a password and

profile, they will receive a page tailored to their specific preferences.

Ms. Parker said the toll-free number leads to a menu of options. Callers may ask for literature, audiotapes or CDs or, if they want to talk about a specific issue, talk to certified and trained counselors. Callers keep the same counselor throughout whatever process prompted the question.

On the Web site, users can set up a time to call and speak with someone about a specific topic.

"Air Force One Source provides well researched, current information to our customers, thus allowing us to focus our resources in other areas, such as getting out into the units and spending more time doing things on base with families and military people," Mrs. Parker said.

"The mission demands on us have increased steadily over the years," she added. "We are realizing that our families are key in the readiness and retention of our members. This is one more step in trying to help families learn how to take care of themselves and stay strong, as we've always known they have been."

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Officials working to speed military mail system

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Acknowledging that problems persist in the military mail system, Defense Department officials said they are taking steps to improve the process.

A recent report by the General Accounting Office, which oversees government agencies and spending, said long-standing problems with military mail delivery need to be resolved.

DoD officials are aware of the problems and are working to remedy them, said Mr. Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

"Mail is very important to our servicemembers and their families, and thus it's very important to the Department of Defense and (its leaders)," Mr. Abell said. "Every time we identify a glitch in the process, we move immediately to fix it."

According to the GAO report, more than 65 million pounds of letters and parcels were delivered to servicemembers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, and problems with prompt and reliable mail delivery surfaced early on.

Congress and the White House forwarded more than 300 inquiries about mail delivery problems to military postal officials, the report said.

The GAO reported that

almost 60 percent of 127 servicemembers surveyed said they were "dissatisfied" with the timeliness of mail delivery.

Although a test of transit time for mail delivery by military postal officials showed that so-called "data test letters" arrived in theater within the wartime standard of 11 to 14 days, servicemembers said their personal mail actually took much longer to reach them.

More than half of the surveyed Soldiers from Fort Stewart, Ga., and Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., said they waited four weeks or longer to get mail. Others said that mail took as long as four months to work its way through the system, the report said.

Another 80 percent said they were aware of mail that was sent to them but was not received while they were deployed. The missing mail became a concern for friends and family back home, the report stated.

Mr. Abell said that during a recent visit to Iraq, he talked to commanders and Soldiers about mail delivery and found "generally good" reports.

Slow delivery can be attributed to the sheer distance the mail has to travel to reach the theater and the remote locations of some units on the ground, Mr. Abell said. Mail to Iraq is delivered either by tactical airlift, or along dangerous convoy supply routes from Kuwait and Bahrain.

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Camellia Gardens service to honor 51

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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Fifty-one will be honored at the 2004 Camellia Gardens Memorial Service May 27 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the officers’ club. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Base Chapel.

The service is a patriotic tribute to deceased military and civilians who were assigned or worked at Robins. The ceremony is a 28-year tradition rooted in a partnership among Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

The three teamed in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. The names of the following will be added to the Memorial wall this year:

Patti Alexander, retired Air Force Col. Clifford Allison Jr., Fred J. Battle, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. James H. Bennett, retired Air Force Col. Lloyd H. Bergman; Tech. Sgt. Bruce E. Brown, Jerry O. Brewer, Wood A. Callaway, Dorothy R. Caven, Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin P. Cherubin, Evelyn D. Collins, Jesse Lamar Cox, retired Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Roy E. Ditterline Jr, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Darwin G. Edwards, Larry Garrett, Wallace H. Gilbaugh, Charles E. Grace, William T. Grace, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Ruffin Gray Jr, Clarence W. Hagwood, Raymond F. Hill, Roy D. Hinson Jr., William D. Horton; Chief Master Sgt. Gregory A. Kebil, Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, Carl Lee Lail, Catherine Lail Locke. Retired Air Force Col. Henry J. Lupa, retired Air

Force Lt. Gen. Robert P. McCoy, retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. John R. Mace, retired Air Force Col. George L. Madara Jr, Dennard Maddox, retired Air Force Master Sgt. James H. Madruga, Fred A. Mercer Jr., retired Air Force Lt. Col. Edward S. Mitchell III, Joseph A. Molony, Jessie Nieto, Eddie Mae Tanner Norris, John R. Podskoc Sr., Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Marie Quinlivan-Derrington, retired Army Sgt. 1st Class George R. Rash, Lawrence Schafer, Mary B. Shepherd, retired Air Force Col. Joseph L. Solomon, Jerry E. Stuckey Sr., William H. Thomas, retired Army Master Sgt. Newton B. Tidwell, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Devette R. Washington, Carol A. Watson, retired Air Force Reserve Chief Master Sgt. Edna F. Whitehead, Grace Jump Wright.

Special duty assignment opportunities available

The Air Education and Training Special Duty briefing team will host a special duty assignment opportunities briefing May 27 in the Base Theater at 10 a.m.

Would you like to have the chance to choose your next assignment and possibly manage your own office near or in your home state?

Senior airman through master sergeant

with less than 17 years total active service from all Air Force specialties are encouraged to attend the briefing and are eligible to apply for the Military Training Instructor Corps. Spouses are also welcome.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 926-0792.

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Rep. O’Neal to speak at FMA luncheon

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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The Federal Managers Association’s Chapter 121 will have its luncheon meeting May 25 11:30 at the Georgia Room of the Robins Officer’s Club.

The speaker will be Mr. Larry O’Neal District 117 Representative to the Georgia House of Representatives. Mr. O’Neal has been in the House of Representatives since 2001.

He serves on the Appropriations, Banks and

Banking, and Judiciary Committees. He was Gov. Sonny Perdue’s floor leader in 2003.

In addition to serving as a member of the House of Representatives, Mr. O’Neal is a partner in the law firm of O’Neal, Long, and Hall. He is a member of the Warner Robins Rotary Club; CB&T Bank of Middle Georgia, Board of Directors; Houston County Bar Association; and the Georgia Bar Association.

Luncheon reservations may be made by calling Ms. Sandi Portz at 926-3628 or e-mailing her at sandra.portz@robins.af.mil. Deadline for reservations is May 21.

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Good IDEA could be money in your pocket

The Robins IDEA Program Office will conduct a “Show Us a Better Way” promotional campaign beginning June 1 by offering an AM/FM Radio/Flashlight combo to the first 25 submitters of eligible ideas.

Eligibility criteria are established under AFI 38-401, Chapter 3.

Last year Robins employees submitted approximately 208 eligible ideas, resulting in \$3.1 million in tangible savings and \$75,000 in award payments.

The Air Force IDEA Program is fully electronic Air Force-wide, and can be accessed from any Air Force desktop (.mil) computer. To access the program at Robins, click on the IDEA Program icon located on the base home page. Prior to submitting an idea, you are strongly encouraged to check the idea pool to prevent duplication of ideas. That option appears on the IDEA Program Home Page. Users will then be required to cre-

ate a user name and password, and input selected personal information. When selecting permanent duty station you must choose Robins. After you receive the confirmation that IPDS has saved your personal information, choose Click here to submit the idea, and follow the prompts.

The Robins Idea Program Office does not evaluate submissions. The Program Office’s role is to administer the program and provide policy guidance as appropriate. Once a submission is determined eligible it is forwarded to a base organization that has responsibility or oversight for the particular idea’s subject matter.

The base organization then assigns an evaluator to complete a review and make an evaluation determination. Employee awards, when appropriate are prepared by the submitter’s home organization.

Guidance is being developed for submitting Lean

improvements for team recognition under the Idea Program. Employees who submit an idea as a result of a Lean Event must coordinate with WR-ALC/XPT prior to doing so.

Each organization has its own Idea focal point available to assist employees in submitting Ideas using IPDS. Please review the list of organizational points of contact on the Idea home page for your organization’s Idea POC.

Policy questions may be submitted to the Idea Program Office at 926-2536.

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Civil Engineers conducted wartime skills training in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Exercise. Left, an Airman races against the clock to install emergency airfield lighting Wednesday.

U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Rising to the CHALLENGE

Airmen from two shift crews of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in a timed mini-competition Wednesday morning in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. The competition involved installing a fiberglass mat and lighting to repair airfield damage. "This exercise is important because this is civil engineers' most important wartime task," said 1st Lt. David Pratt, airfield damage repair officer in charge for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron. "The bottom line is that aircraft need to get off the ground and also be able to land to do their mission, and without ADR the mission cannot be accomplished."



Civil Engineers prepare to unfold one of the fiberglass mats used to repair damage to an airfield. The mini-competition was held at the southeastern corner of the the runway in the parking area adjacent to the 19th Air Refueling Group's alert facility.

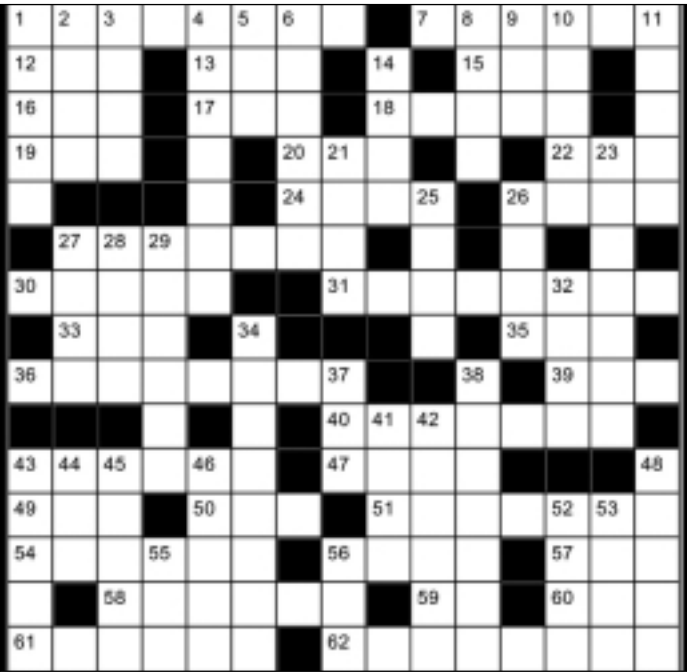


Airmen practice repairing airfield damage using a fiberglass mat to prepare for the ORI.



Staff Sgt. Cesar Vega checks the connections on the emergency airfield lighting that was installed as part of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's mini-competition Wednesday.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Police officers remembered

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. USAF Sq. providing law enforcement (pt. 1)

7. 1 ACROSS (pt. 2)

12. Quid pro ____

13. Baseball stat

15. Architect of the glass pyramid at the Louvre

16. '70s spoon-bender Geller

17. Obese

18. Apse

19. Internet provider

20. Meaning three

22. Baseball great Ripken

24. Words stated at entrance to military service

26. Frilly fabric

27. Surrendering of a territory

30. Observe

31. Description of 43 ACROSS (pt 1--two words)

33. Org. concerned with flight traffic

35. Sib

36. Belize city

39. Clear; as in money

40. Abandoned

43. Subject of this week's observance

47. Unblemished

49. Airport abbrev.

50. One who betrays

51. Mascot for 1, 43 ACROSS

54. Attack

56. Safety org.

57. Ump

58. Catch

59. Abbrev. for state home to 122nd FW

60. Behold

61. Made a living

62. Someone who had a farm?
1. Type of car driven by 43 ACROSS

2. European cash

3. Spring

4. Update

5. A Gershwin

6. Body art

8. Decides

9. Actor Stephen

10. Approximately

11. Black

14. Decoy

21. Bluster

23. Suspect

25. Successor

26. Tosses

27. Bistro

28. And others (two words)

29. Large shrimp

32. Ending of 31 ACROSS

34. Pleaded for reconsideration

37. Sleep

38. Spice

41. Tramps

42. Flower

43. What 43 ACROSS attempt to maintain

44. USAF commissioning source

45. Type of weapon on the ABL

46. What 43 ACROSS investigate

48. As in a direction; away

52. Major or Minor

53. Investigate; ____ out

55. Actress Penelope ____ Miller

56. Unit of resistance

For puzzle solution, see May 21 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for May 7



We want your news!

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An expanded look at Robins through the lens of a camera.
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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing

There will be a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan today, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 127. A new open season period is underway, and members may elect to participate in the plan or to increase their contributions. Now you may contribute from 1 percent to 9 percent of basic pay. For more information, go to www.tsp.gov.

Resume and cover letter

There will be a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Sponsorship training

The center will offer sponsorship training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Thursday, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the

inbound member; and sponsors are given vital information regarding his or her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Return & reunion survival tips

The FSC will offer how-to's and survival tips to negotiate the challenges and stages of reuniting with the ones you love May 21, 9 -10 a.m. , Building 945, FSC annex.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted May 25, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class May 26, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom.

The spouse's connection

The center will offer the Spouse's Connection, May 26, 9-11 a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Tired of staying home? Need to get out? Want to make new friends? Come and learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and

make a new friend in the process.

Jr. Smooth move

There will be a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held May 27, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Space is limited so early registration is required.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop May 28, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

Job fair

The FSC and the Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair June 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The job fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members and the middle Georgia community.

Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

Family bingo is fast becoming a family tradition. It will be played in the Smith Community Center ballroom May 24 with doors opening at 5 p.m. and games starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit three packages a person. All children will receive a prize with the purchase of their game packs.

Everyone is invited to bring their friends plus make new ones at the fast-paced, exciting, easy game of Bunco at the community center May 25 at 6 p.m. Players switch tables and gain new partners as they win, lose and play for prizes. Register a day prior to this free event.

Enlisted Club

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. Special includes two-for-one prime rib for \$16.95 along with an a la carte menu. Reservations are welcome, but not required. For more information, call 926-4515.

Airmen basic through Senior Airmen dues are now \$4 at the Enlisted Club.

A Members First Plus membership

dinner will be held Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m. Members eat for free, guests \$5 and nonmembers \$10.

ITT

Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 5, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 2. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for on the Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

Library

Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class Monday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 139. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. Registration is required. To sign up and for more information, contact Ms. Betsy Miller at 327-7381 or betsy.miller@robins.af.mil.

Officers' Club

Members celebrating May birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their choice at the club. Please notify the server on duty to take advantage of this

club membership benefit.

Skills Development Center

Clip the military appreciation days coupons in the May Edge magazine to receive four free hours of shop time at the auto shop, four free hours in the wood shop and 20 percent off in the skills development center.

Smith Community Center

The Parents & Toddlers group will meet Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Robins Park for children to play while the parents network. The group will gather at the community center May 24 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. For more details about joining this group of fun-loving toddlers and parents, call the community center at 926-2105 or Family Advocacy at 327-8427.

Youth Center

Registration for summer specialty camps will be held in May with camps beginning June 14. Camps are open to children, ages 9 - 14 years old, and will be held from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Price is \$90 per week with the exception of the week of July 4, which will be \$80. For more information, call 926-2110.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Ms. Eve King, 78th MSG/DPCCB. Point of contact is Mr. Robert Reddish at 926-3805 extension 172.

Ms. Dawn A. Pollard, WR-ALC/LSANI-2. Point of contact is Ms. Betty Henderson at 926-6033.

Ms. Delores C. Stock, WR-ALC/LUG Point of contact is Mr. Mark Dixon at 926-3881.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Friday 7:30 p.m. – The Prince and Me – Julia Stiles and Luke Mably

Paige is on the fast track toward her lifelong goal of becoming a doctor. Edward, the Crown Prince of Denmark, trying to escape from his royal life, poses as a college student. Now, Edward is in line to become King. Paige has to choose between two dreams - becoming a princess or a doctor.

Rated PG (some sex-related material and language) 111 minutes

Sunday 2 p.m. – Jersey Girl – Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler

Ollie is a powerful entertainment executive whose wife dies in childbirth. Ollie tasked with raising a child by himself gives up his fast-paced Manhattan lifestyle and moves back in with his father in Jersey, where he finds a new romantic interest and learns some lessons about what's important in life.

Rated PG-13 (language and sexual content including frank dialogue) 103 minutes



Seniors punch, kick their way to health in Tae bo class

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While some senior adults may retire to a rocking chair, Ms. Nancy Newell is spending her retirement punching and kicking her way to a healthier lifestyle.

And, she’s not alone. Seventeen senior adults put up a “fight” on the fitness center’s aerobics room floor for a Senior Tae bo class Monday - a special feature to the center’s Senior Moves exercise program and an event for May Fitness Month.

Ms. Newell, a 72-year-old retiree who has recently joined Senior Moves, said the one-hour exercise class, modified with balancing poles to ensure seniors’ safety, has helped her stay active, despite her age-related aches and pains.

“I retired about a year and a half ago and found that for general health reasons, I needed to stay active,” she said. “It’s very easy, in retirement, to go home and sit. It requires a bit of stamina and determination to make yourself do things like this, but it’s worth it.”

Mr. Pete Andrews, 72, said participating in the senior exercise programs has helped him to maintain his health.

“I like the activity because it helps me to feel young,” he said. “I’ve done pilates, core training and yoga, but this is my first time taking Tae bo. It’s a lot of working out, but it’s fun.”



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Ms. Bobbie Dixon uses an exercise pole while doing Tae bo at the Fitness Center Monday. Below, Mr. Gerald Jackson pulls a punch during the Senior Tae bo class.



Ms. Jackline Baker, a recreation assistant at the center who discovered a geriatric twist to Mr. Billy Blanks’

What to know

For more information on senior fitness classes, contact the center at 926-2128.

exercise craze that incorporates boxing moves into a high-energy aerobics routine, said the class is a great way for seniors to build their fitness level.

“We go by what they put in,” she said. “We try to keep it slow and moderate and modify some of the exercises for them, like making the kicks lower and using exercise

poles so they can keep their balance better.”

Ms. Baker said she encourages seniors to come by the base fitness and health and wellness centers to assess their fitness needs with staff members and start an exercise program suited for their individual goals.

Lending a helping ‘torch’

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Rodgers of the 116th Security Force Squadron, hands the Special Olympics torch off to Mr. Jason Kelley of the Perry Police Department. Members of Law Enforcement United of Central Georgia carried the torch in support of the Georgia Special Olympics May 7. Security forces members and area law enforcement personnel also provide support to officers who are injured in the line of duty.



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Good housekeeping during ORI preparation

Environmental Management Directorate

The Operational Readiness Inspection begins next week, and many people are engaged in a serious house-keeping exercise to get ready for it.

However, there are rules people should follow to be ready for the ORI. And if those rules aren’t followed, not only can the installation receive fines and penalties, but so can the people who dispose of hazardous chemicals the wrong way.

People need to make sure they handle and dispose of hazardous materials properly, according to Ms. Becky McCoy, Branch Chief for Environmental Quality in the Environmental Management Directorate.

“If you’re cleaning out your kitchen at home, everyone knows not to mix bleach and ammonia, because the result would be a dangerous release of chlorine gas,” said Ms. McCoy. “But often base personnel don’t stop to think that placing hazardous materials in a dumpster might result in a similar – or worse- chemical reaction, or even a fire or explosion. There’s also the need to comply with federal and state environ-

mental laws. An unwanted item you wouldn’t think is significant, like a fluorescent bulb, would create a larger problem if thrown in a dumpster.”

Improper management and disposal of hazardous items could expose the base to significant enforcement actions.

“Proper hazardous materials and hazardous waste turn-in is the key to environmental protection,” said Mr. Paul Barker, Environmental Protection Specialist in EM. “When you do it, do it right the first time. That is the best advice for everyone involved in the process.”

According to Mr. Barker, There are appropriate methods of getting rid of excess or unneeded items.

First, Unit Environmental Coordinators are located in all major organizations, supervisors know who they are and that the UECs are available to help with such issues.

Second, EM has procedures established for proper turn in of hazardous material and disposal of hazardous waste. Procedures for appropriate disposal and the Hazardous Waste Manual are on the EM Web site.

“There is even the ‘Freebie’ program

where items can be turned in and then used by other organizations on base at no charge,” Mr. Barker said.

Supervisors, UECs, or EM representatives should always be asked when proper procedures aren’t clear for handling or disposing of an item, whether chemical or hardware.

As always, but especially during this time, dumpsters containing suspicious items or materials won’t be moved by dumpster pickup drivers.

“EM will inspect every suspicious dumpster and will trace the items back to their source,” said Mr. Barker. “And we will be requiring that people and organizations clean out dumpsters and deal with items in the proper way.

“These are serious issues that can have a huge impact, both here and at a waste disposal site. Careless mistakes and improper disposal can become more common as the ORI approaches. But there are requirements that are easy to follow that let us get the job done safely and effectively.”

Anyone with questions regarding safe and proper handling or disposal of hazardous material or waste should contact the Hazardous Waste Program at 926-1176 for assistance.

Got a story idea? Call the Rev-Up at 926-2137.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Ms. Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

MPF limited manning

The Military Personnel Flight will have limited manning today through May 26 due to the Operational Readiness Inspection. All personnel services will be limited to emergencies only.

NCMA meeting

The National Contract Management Association luncheon will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Officers’ Club ballroom. Representatives from the six FAST primes will participate in a panel discussion that will begin at 11:45 a.m. The panel will include Mr. Joe Culverhouse of Lockheed Martin; Mr. Mike Reynolds of Support Systems Associates Inc.; Mr. Ed Humphrey of Modern Technologies Corporation; Mr. George Pearl of SAIC; Mr. Rich Adamson of Boeing; and Mr. Billy Gragg of Tamsco.

OSC luncheon

The Officers’ Spouses Club scholarship luncheon will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Officers’ Club.

Health fair

The Health and Wellness Center will host the annual Health Fair May 26 and 27 at

the Museum of Aviation. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 26 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 27. Everyone is welcome to attend, you do not need a base pass to enter the museum grounds. There will be a massage therapist on hand for free 10 minute demonstrations, oral cancer screenings, sickle cell screenings and more. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

Red Cross volunteers

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for Robins’ clinics. The days and hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If interested, call Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Zero Overpricing Program

The Zero Overpricing Program aims to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. If the current catalog price for an item is incorrect submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098. For

more information, contact Ms. Cassandra Tharpe, WR-ALC/PKPB, at 926-7118.

Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone and three sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

Veterans History Project

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress is honoring America’s veterans through the Veterans History Project, a national initiative to collect individuals’ wartime experiences. A free instruction kit for veterans, volunteers and potential partners who would like to participate is available by calling (888) 371-5848.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night

from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Ms. Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Mr. Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts leaders

Girl Scouts of Robins is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ms. Alyson Dreer at 329-8099.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Museum volunteers

The Museum of Aviation is recruiting adult volunteers who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Mr. Dan Hart, volunteer coordinator, at 926-6870.

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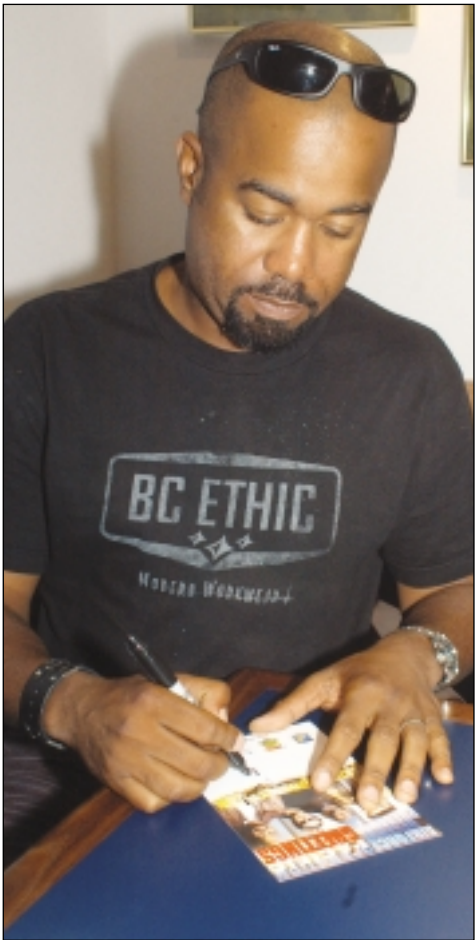


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Above, Rachael Chafin, 5, gets autographs from Mr. Jim Sonefeld, drummer of the rock group Hootie and the Blowfish, Ms. Alison Preston and Ms. Melinda McGrath, cheerleaders for the New England Patriots, during an autograph session at the Officers’ Club Tuesday.

Right, Mr. Darius Rucker, lead singer of Hootie and the Blowfish, signs an autograph.

Below, Mr. Rucker, Mr. Dean Felber, bassist, Mr. Mark Bryan, guitarist, and Mr. Sonefeld stopped at Robins on their way to Pacific Air Force bases as part of an Air Force Reserve Command co-sponsored tour.



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